

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 5, 6, 10, 15 and 33 as follows:

5.(THRICE AMENDED) A ticket dispenser as in Claim 33 in which said drive module comprises:

at least one inlet opening for admitting plural parallel ticket strips therein;
at least one outlet opening for issuing tickets from one of said strips;
a drive motor coupled to a drive shaft;
a plurality of input drive rollers rotatably mounted on a common shaft and;
transmission means for selectively coupling said input drive rollers to said drive shaft for selectively feeding tickets in one of said strips through said module and out through said outlet opening.

6.(THRICE AMENDED) A ticket dispenser as in Claim 33 in which said front cover includes a portion that is at least partially transparent, and said front cover includes a curved portion.

§12 10.(THRICE AMENDED) A ticket dispensing installation, comprising a ticket dispenser which has a bottom wall, a pair of side walls, a front cover hinged adjacent to said bottom wall, a rear cover hinged adjacent to said bottom, said bottom wall, said side walls, said front cover and said rear cover defining an enclosed volume to contain a plurality of arrays of tickets in strips with individual tickets being delineated from one another by lines of weakness, a drive module in said ticket dispenser, said drive module being positioned adjacent said front cover in a location to receive strips of tickets from said arrays, said drive module containing drive means for dispensing a predetermined number of tickets from a selected one of said arrays, a portion of said front cover being at least partially transparent to permit viewing of said ticket strips, a check-out counter having a first position at which the customer normally is located and a second position at which a store clerk normally is located, said ticket dispenser being mounted on said checkout counter with the front cover facing said first position at said check-out counter when purchases are being checked-out, and said rear cover facing said second position at said check-out counter.

§13 15.(THRICE AMENDED) A ticket dispensing installation for use by customers at a checkout counter, the ticket dispensing installation comprising: a ticket dispenser for storing and dispensing a plurality of strips of tickets said ticket dispenser having a first and a second cover, a bottom structure secured to said first and second covers, and a

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first portion of one of said covers being at least partially transparent, a second portion of one of said covers having a substantially flat upper surface, said ticket dispenser containing a powered dispensing mechanism for selectively dispensing tickets from said strips, said ticket dispenser being mounted on said checkout counter with said flat upper surface accessible to customers while they are having their purchases checked out.

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33.(AMENDED) A ticket dispenser for containing and dispensing a plurality of tickets in which each ticket is joined to an adjacent ticket by a line of weakness to form a strip of tickets, the ticket dispenser comprising:

a bottom support structure having a front edge and a rear edge;

a front cover pivotally connected proximate to the front edge of the bottom support structure by a front hinge;

a rear cover pivotally connected proximate to the rear edge of the bottom support structure by a rear hinge;

wherein the front and rear covers are pivotal about the front hinge and rear hinge, respectively, toward and away from a closed configuration;

wherein the front and rear covers mate together in the closed configuration to define an enclosed volume in the ticket dispenser to hold the plurality of tickets; and

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514 a powered drive module in the enclosed volume, the powered drive module
receiving the tickets for dispensing from the ticket dispenser.
